

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 997**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator Bryant	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	16-3-652
SUBJECT:	Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 997 amends Section 16-3-652 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by increasing the penalty for a first offense of criminal sexual conduct with a minor under the age of twelve to a minimum sentence of 25 years. The Bill also prohibits this minimum sentence from being suspended or probation being granted. Further, the Bill increases the penalty for a second offense of sexual conduct with a minor under the age of twelve to death or imprisonment for life.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Judicial Department

The Department indicates this Bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

Department of Corrections

The Department indicates this Bill would gradually increase its inmate population to the point where ultimately it would need to construct an additional 256-bed facility. The Department anticipates its inmate population will increase by approximately 290 by the year 2032. Construction cost for a facility of this size is estimated at \$6,600,000. Operating expenses, including salary and fringe for additional staff, is estimated at \$4,046,000 annually.

Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon Services

The Department indicates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Approved by:



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